



**State of New Jersey**  
**Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council**  
**GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST FORM**  
100 North Road (Route 513)  
Chester, New Jersey 07930-2322  
Attention: Records Custodian  
(908) 879- 6737 • (908) 879- 4205 (Fax)



**Important Notice**

The reverse side of this form contains important information related to your rights concerning government records. Please read it carefully.

**Requestor Information – Please Print**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Business Hours Telephone: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Delivery: Pick Up \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_ On Site Inspect \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:** Under penalty of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-3, I certify that I **HAVE / HAVE NOT** been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**

Maximum Authorization Cost  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select Payment Method

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Pages 1-10 @\$0.75  
Pages 11-20 @\$0.50  
Pages 21 - @\$0.25

Delivery: Delivery / postage fees  
additional depending upon  
delivery type.

Extras: Extraordinary service fees  
dependent upon request.

**Record Request Information:** To expedite the request, be as specific as possible in describing the records being requested. Also, please include the type of access requested (copying or inspection), and if data, the medium requested.

**AGENCY USE ONLY**

Est. Document Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Delivery Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Extras Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Total Est. Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Balance \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Disposition Notes**  
Custodian: If any part of request cannot be delivered in seven business days, detail reasons here.

In Progress - Open \_\_\_\_\_

Denied - Closed \_\_\_\_\_

Filled - Closed \_\_\_\_\_

Partial - Closed \_\_\_\_\_

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Tracking Information		Final Cost	
Tracking #	_____	Total	_____
Rec'd Date	_____	Deposit	_____
Ready Date	_____	Balance Due	_____
Total Pages	_____	Balance Paid	_____

**Records Provided**

Custodian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Requesting Access to Government Records Under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.)

1. This form should only be used to submit records requests to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council ("Highlands Council") using the contact information listed on the form.
2. In order to request access to government records under OPRA, you must complete all the required portions of and date this request form and deliver it in person during regular business hours or by mail, fax or electronically to the appropriate custodian of the record requested. Your request is not considered filed until the appropriate custodian of the record requested has received a completed request form. If you submit the request form to any other officer or employee of the Highlands Council, that officer or employee may not have the authority to accept your request form on behalf of the Highlands Council and your request will be directed to the appropriate division custodian. The seven business day response time will not commence until the proper custodian reviews the request to determine if it is complete.
3. If you submit a request for access to government records to someone other than the appropriate custodian, do not complete the Highlands Council request form, or attempt to make a request for access by telephone or fax; the Open Public Records Act and its deadlines, restrictions and remedies will not apply to your request.
4. The fees for duplication of a government record in printed form are listed on the front of this form. We will notify you of any special charges, special service charges or other additional charges authorized by State law or regulation before processing your request. Payment shall be made by check or money order payable to the "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council".
5. If it is necessary for the records custodian to contact you concerning your request, providing identifying information, such as your name, address and telephone number or an e-mail address is required. Where contact is not necessary, anonymous requests are permitted; except that anonymous requests for personal information are not honored.
6. *You may be charged a 50% or other deposit when a request for copies exceeds \$25.* The Highlands Council custodian will contact you and advise you of any deposit requirements. Anonymous requests, when permitted, require a deposit of 100% of estimated fees. You agree to pay the balance due upon delivery of the records.
7. Under OPRA, a custodian must deny access to a person who has been convicted of an indictable offense in New Jersey, any other state, or the United States, and who is seeking government records containing personal information pertaining to the person's victim or the victim's family.
8. By law, the Highlands Council must notify you that it grants or denies a request for access to government records within seven business days after the custodian of the record requested receives the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage. If the record requested is not currently available or is in storage, the custodian will advise you within seven business days when the record can be made available and the estimated cost. You may agree with the custodian to extend the time for making records available, or granting or denying your request.
9. You may be denied access to a government record if your request would substantially disrupt agency operations and the custodian is unable to reach a reasonable solution with you.
10. If the Highlands Council is unable to comply with your request for access to a government record, the custodian will indicate the reasons for denial on the request form and send you a signed and dated copy.
11. Except as otherwise provided by law or by agreement with the requester, if the custodian of the record requested fails to respond to you within seven business days of receiving a request form, the failure to respond will be considered a denial of your request.
12. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the time permitted by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Highlands Council to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint in writing with the Government Records Council (GRC). You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at [grc@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their web site at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://www.state.nj.us/grc). The GRC can also answer other questions about the law.
13. Information provided on this form may be subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act.